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DRV DELEGATION ISSUES STATEMENT ON DRV-U.S. ECONOMIC TALKS

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(TEXT) HANOI VNA JULY 25--THE DELEGATION OF THE DRV GOVERNMENT TO THE DRV-U.S. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN PARIS TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 14 OF THE JUNE 13, 1973, JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE DRV-U.S. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION RESUMED ITS WORK ON JUNE 18, 1973, TO CONTINUE THE TALKS ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE HEALING OF WAR WOUNDS AND TO THE POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WITH A VIEW TO PUTTING INTO PRACTICE ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM.

"THE DRV GOVERNMENT DELEGATION, FULL OF GOODWILL, HAS MADE ALL-OUT EFFORTS OF LEAD THE CONFERENCE TO GOOD RESULTS, BUT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DELEGATION DELIBERATELY RAISED ALL KINDS OF OBSTRUCTIONS TO DRAG ON THE TALKS AND THEREBY PREVENT THE SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS ON THE AGREED QUESTIONS.

"THE DRV GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO THE COMMISSION DEEMS IT NECESSARY THAT THE TWO PARTIES TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUE THE MEETINGS TO REPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEM. ON JULY 23, 1973, THE TWO SIDES AGREED UPON THIS PROPOSAL."

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HANOI BLAMES U.S. FOR BRINGING ABOUT SUSPENSION OF JEC TALKS AND DEMANDS THAT U.S. IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

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HANOI CONDEMNS U.S. FOR ECONOMIC COMMISSION 'DIFFICULTIES'

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(TEXT) THE UNITED STATES HAS CONTINUED TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE WORK OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, ACCORDING TO VNA.

ARTICLE 14 OF THE 13 JUNE 1973 JOINT COMMUNIQUE SPECIFIES THAT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, THE DRV-U.S. JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION "WILL RESUME MEETINGS WITHIN 4 DAYS AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND COMPLETE THE FIRST STAGE OF ITS WORK 15 DAYS THEREAFTER."

THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION RESUMED MEETING IN PARIS ON 18 JUNE. MORE THAN 30 DAYS HAVE PASSED BUT THE COMMISSION STILL HAS YET TO FINISH ITS WORK AS STIPULATED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

ON 25 JULY THE DRV DELEGATION IN THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT POINTING OUT THAT "THE DRV DELEGATION, DISPLAYING UTMOST GOOD WILL, DID ITS BEST TO BRING THE CONFERENCE TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES DELIBERATELY CAUSED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION, THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION HAVE BEEN PROLONGED BUT HAVE FAILED TO ACHIEVE (WORDS INDISTINCT) ON THE PROBLEMS ALREADY AGREED UPON.

IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, THE DRV DELEGATION IN THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION DEEMS IT NECESSARY FOR BOTH SIDES TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE MEETINGS IN ORDER TO REPORT TO AND CONSULT WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DELAY IN THE WORK OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES HAS INTENTIONALLY CREATED DIFFICULTIES AND REFUSED TO SIGN THE AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED. WE RESOLUTELY DEMAND THAT THE UNITED STATES SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH STIPULATES THAT IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING WAR WOUNDS AND AID POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION IN THE DRV.

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